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Case Docket No. IMFC229.001AUS

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In re application of : Palmans, et al  
App. No. : 10 017,453  
Filed : December 12, 2001  
For : METHOD FOR  
PREPARING AN  
ELECTROPLATING BATH  
AND RELATED COPPER  
PLATING PROCESS

Examiner : Unassigned

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**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- (X) A Preliminary Amendment in 3 pages.
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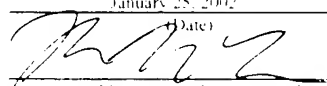
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, at line 5, please insert:

--This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60 257,649, filed December 22, 2000.--